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 - f. the concise explanation set forth in the comments in item 5 below.
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5. Comments

References BA-BC were cited in a Japanese Office Action issued August 16, 2011 in corresponding Japanese Application No. 2006-511214.

Reference BA has been cited as disclosing a process for producing polylactic acid including a step removal of lactide by sublimation, following solid-phase polymerization in a reactor.

Reference BB has been cited as disclosing a process for producing poly(p-dioxanone), including removal of a monomer from the refrigerated and pulverized polymer.

Reference BC corresponds to Yamane et al. (US 2003/0125431), which is of record in the present application, and it has been cited as disclosing a process for producing polyglycolic acid through solid-phase polymerization.

Respectfully submitted,

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